

Relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund (SPRF).

New law retains existing law which provides that each sheriff, including the criminal and civil sheriffs of the parish of Orleans, shall become a member of SPRF.

Existing law provides that each deputy, including the criminal and civil deputies of Orleans Parish, and the criers of the several divisions of the Civil District Court for Orleans Parish, who, on the date of the filing of the application to become a member, is age 18 or over, shall become a member of SPRF, provided his monthly salary including state supplemental pay, is not less than \$400 if employed prior to 01/01/91, or \$550 if employed subsequent to 12/31/90. New law retains existing law, but changes the minimum monthly salary to \$800 if employed subsequent to 12/31/99.

Existing law provides that any sheriff elected or deputy employed after 07/31/68, who is otherwise eligible for membership in SPRF must become a participating member and the deductions from salary and payments to the treasurer of the board provided for by law shall be made on his or her behalf. New law retains existing law, but deletes the date "07/31/68" and makes the provision applicable to all "persons" who are otherwise eligible for membership in the fund, irrespective of date of employment.

New law also deletes prior law which provided that any noncommissioned employee of any sheriff's office, earning a monthly salary of not less than \$550, and who, on the date of the filing of the application to become a member, is age 18 or over, shall be eligible to become a member of this fund.

Prior law provided that any salaried employee of SPRF and of the La. Sheriffs' Assn., whose monthly salary is not less than \$550, and who, on the date of the filing of his application to become a member, is age 18 or over, shall be eligible to become a member of SPRF. New law retains prior law, except increases the minimum monthly salary requirement to \$800 and requires that such employees become members. New law retains the employee contribution requirement for such employees as set forth in existing law.

Effective July 1, 1999.

(Amends R.S. 11:2174(B)(1) and (5)(a))